

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: ALVING, et al.

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For: Detection to Antibodies to Squalene in Serum

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENTHon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated 20 September 2001 in the referenced application.

Applicant(s) elect Group I (claims 1-12, 15-18, and 20-21) directed to a method for detecting the presence of squalene antibodies.

If in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at 202-331-8777 (a local call).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any extension of time fees under 37 CFR §1.17(a)-(d) associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4650.

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